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LETTER DATED 5 APRIL 1992 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to enclose a letter dated 5 April 1992 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq, Mr. Ahmad Hussein, requesting the Security Council to take immediate and appropriate measures in response to the aggression committed this morning by Iran against Iraq.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Samir K. K. AL-NIMA
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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Annex

LETTER DATED 5 APRIL 1992 FROM THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF IRAQ ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to inform you that between 7.20 and 8.10 local time today, 5 April, the third day of Id Al-Fitr, the Iranian Air Force conducted four attacks inside Iraq near the town of Al-Khalis, 90 km from the border and 70 km north-east of Baghdad. Eight combat aircraft participated in the raids. One of them, an F-4, was shot down by our air defences, and its crew, Captain Qasim Mohammed Amini and Captain Arslan Sharifi, both from Hamdan air base, were taken prisoner.

Iraq considers these air raids to be an act of plain and unjustified aggression. Iraq warns the adventurist Iranian regime of the serious consequences of such acts, for which it will bear the full responsibility, and reserves its right to respond to this aggression.

Iraq lodges a complaint before the Security Council, and calls on it to take immediate and appropriate measures against this aggressor regime.

Iraq for its part has taken the appropriate measures to protect its air space from the possibility of a recurrence of the Iranian aggression through patrols by the Iraqi Air Force.

(Signed) Ahmad HUSSEIN
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Iraq